



TRAFFIC ALERT

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ROADWATCH: Week of Jan. 23 - 29

VDOT encourages motorists to call 511 or visit www.511Virginia.org for real-time traffic information. The following is a list of highway projects that may affect traffic in the 12-county Salem Transportation District during the next week. Work schedules are always subject to change. New information is noted by "###".

INTERSTATE 81

* INTERSTATE 81 BRIDGE OVER ROUTE 8 REPAIRS – Weather permitting, crews will repair the I-81 bridge over Route 8 at exit 114 (Christiansburg). Work will cause periodic lane closures beneath the bridge on northbound and southbound Route 8 during nighttime hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.

*** INTERSTATE 81 DRAINAGE WORK** – Weather permitting, crews will clean out drainage ditches along southbound I-81 in Montgomery County between mile markers 130.5 and 147 and in Botetourt County along northbound and southbound I-81 between mile markers 150 and 168. Work may cause alternating shoulder closures during daylight hours on weekdays.

* INTERSTATE 81 GUARDRAIL REPAIRS - Crews will repair guardrail on Interstate 81 southbound in Roanoke County at mile marker 133.1 and in Montgomery County at mile marker 107.6. Motorists should watch for left lane closures on weeknights during nighttime hours.

* ROUTE 623 BRIDGE INSPECTION OVER INTERSTATE 81 – Weather permitting, on Sunday, Jan. 24, the Route 623 bridge over I-81 in Botetourt County will be inspected. The bridge is located at mile marker 172 just south of Buchanan. The inspection will cause lane closures on northbound and southbound I-81 beneath the bridge from 7 a.m. to noon.

* INTERSTATE 81 BRUSH REMOVAL – Work to remove brush along northbound and southbound I-81 may cause right shoulder closures in Roanoke County between mile markers 130 and 147 and in Pulaski County between mile markers 87 and 105. Work will be performed during daylight hours on weekdays.

ROANOKE

* HERSHBERGER ROAD BRIDGE INSPECTION OVER INTERSTATE 581 – Weather permitting, on Sunday, Jan. 24, the Hershberger Road bridge over I-581 will be inspected. The bridge is located near the Roanoke Regional Airport. The inspection will cause various lane closures on northbound and southbound I-581 beneath the bridge from 7 a.m. to noon.

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ROANOKE COUNTY

* ROUTE 221 BRUSH CUTTING – Periodic lane closures will be in place on Route 221 in southwest Roanoke County near Route 688 (Cotton Hill Road). Crews will be cutting trees in this area for upcoming utility work. Weather permitting, crews will be cutting brush until mid-February. During this time motorists should watch for lane closures and flaggers directing traffic on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*** COLONIAL AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS** – Work is under way to improve the 0.5-mile section of Colonial Avenue starting just west Route 687 (Penn Forest Boulevard) and extending to Route 419. Periodic lane closures may be in place at times in the work zone. Estimated completion is August 2010.

*** ROUTE 220 CURB AND SHOULDER REPAIR** – Work is underway on shoulders along northbound Route 220 between Route 674 (Clearbrook Lane) and Route 789 (Old Rocky Mount Road). Shoulder closures may be in place during daylight hours between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

* ROUTE 460 TURN LANE INSTALLATION – Crews will be working to install turn lanes at the intersection of Route 460 (Challenger Drive) and Route 610 (West Ruritan Road)/Route 1442 (Valley Drive). Drivers should watch for periodic lane and shoulder closures on eastbound and westbound Route 460 on weekdays during daylight hours. Work is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 27 and Thursday, Jan. 28.

*** ROUTE 1034 CUL-DE-SAC INSTALLATION** - Weather permitting, crews will be installing a cul-de-sac at the end of Route 1034 (Chest Mountain Road). Drivers should watch for crews working in the right of way.

*** ROUTE 623 SHOULDER CLOSURE** – Weather permitting, the shoulder will be closed along Route 623 (Dent Road) between Airport Road and Route 822 (Pendleton Avenue) during daylight hours between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

*** ROUTE 1315 (BRIDLE LANE) & ROUTE 613 (MERRIMAN ROAD) UTILITY WORK** – Weather permitting, utility work will cause lane closures at locations on Route 1315 (Bridle Lane) and Route 613 (Merriman Road). Work may impact traffic during daylight hours on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

BEDFORD COUNTY

* ROUTE 460 BRUSH CUTTING – Work to cut brush along Route 460 between Thaxton and the Botetourt County line may cause mobile lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for slow moving traffic.

* ROUTE 460 SHOULDER REPAIRS – Shoulder repairs along eastbound Route 460 will cause shoulder and possible lane closures just east of Route 910. Work will be performed during daylight hours on weekdays.

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* **BRUSH CUTTING (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Weather permitting, crews will cut brush along various routes. Watch for workers and equipment along the shoulders and possible lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays on routes 805, 793 and 654 in the Smith Mountain Lake area.

* **PIPE REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, flaggers may direct traffic on Route 610 in the Big Island area during daylight hours on weekdays due to a cross pipe repair. In addition, work on cross pipes in the Lake Vista subdivision may also cause short term lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays.

* **ROUTE 122 DITCH WORK** – Weather permitting, crews will be performing ditch work on Route 122 between Route 501 and Route 637. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic or lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays.

BOTETOURT COUNTY

* **ROUTE 220 SHOULDER REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, crews will be making shoulder repairs along Route 220 (Roanoke Road). Drivers should watch for shoulder closures on weekdays during daylight hours.

* **ROUTE 11 SHOULDER REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, crews will be performing shoulder work along Route 11 (Lee Highway). Drivers should watch for shoulder closures on weekdays during daylight hours.

CARROLL COUNTY

* **ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BRIDGE WORK** – As part of the current Hillsville Bypass construction project, a change in traffic pattern is in place on Route 58 in Hillsville. The eastbound Route 58 bridge over Little Reed Island Creek is closed for reconstruction. The bridge is located near Gardner Mill Road between the west limits of Hillsville and Interstate 77. The bridge is being widened, and the riding surface replaced. Route 58 traffic is reduced to one lane in each direction and shifted into the westbound lanes for about 0.8 mile, and the speed limit is reduced to 35 mph.

* **ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BYPASS CONSTRUCTION** – Drivers on Route 58, Route 52, Route 703 (Gardner's Mill Road) and Route 780 (Howlett Street) can expect periodic lane closures with flaggers directing traffic between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on weekdays. The speed limit on Route 52 is reduced to 25 mph starting 0.1 mile south of Archa Street (Route 1007) in Hillsville and extending to 0.5 mile north of the Hillsville town limits in Carroll County. Drivers should watch for new traffic patterns around the Route 58 and Gardner's Mill Road intersection. The speed limit on Route 58 starting 0.7 mile west of Gardner's Mill Road is reduced to 35 mph. The speed limit on Route 58 (Danville Pike) west of Hillsville between Route 669 (Spring Hollow Road) and Route 670 (Snake Creek Road) is reduced to 45 mph. The speed limit on Route 58 on the east end of the project is reduced to 35 mph from just west of Route 699 (Spring Hollow Road) to Route 666 (Merrimack Road). Drivers should expect possible delays.

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* **INTERSTATE 77 PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews will be patching potholes and repair pavement along northbound and southbound Interstate 77 in Carroll County. Motorists should watch for mobile lane closures during nighttime hours.

* **INTERSTATE 77 GUARDRAIL REPAIRS** - Crews will repair guardrail on Interstate 77 at various locations. Work is tentatively scheduled for daytime hours on Monday, Jan. 25 and nighttime hours Tuesday, Jan. 26. The following lane closures may be in place:

- Left lane closure on southbound I-77 at mile marker 23
- Right lane closure on northbound I-77 at mile marker 12.3
- Right lane closure on northbound I-77 at mile marker 18
- Left lane closure on northbound I-77 at mile marker 24.4

FRANKLIN COUNTY

* **ROUTE 40 & ROUTE 116 SLOPE REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, crews will be repairing slopes along Route 40 (Franklin Street) and Route 116 (Jubal Early Highway). Drivers should watch for lane closures on weekdays during daylight hours. Work will be performed on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

* **ROUTE 122 SHOULDER MAINTENANCE** – Weather permitting, crews will be working on shoulders along Route 122 (Booker T Washington Highway). Work will be performed on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

* **BRUSH CUTTING (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Crews will be cutting brush on various routes on weekdays during daylight hours. Motorists should watch for periodic lane and shoulder closures on the following routes:

- Route 671 (Golden View Road)
- Route 655 (Webster Road)
- Route 666 (Merriman Road)
- Route 702 (Farmview Road)
- Route 704 (Greenway Road)

* **DITCHING (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Crews will be working on ditches or shoulders on various routes on weekdays during daylight hours. Motorists should watch for periodic lane and shoulder closures between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Route 684 (Boones Mill Road).

HENRY COUNTY

* **ROUTE 701 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – The Route 701 (Field Avenue) bridge over the Smith River is closed to traffic. The old, iron bridge is located in Fieldale between Route 57 and Route 682 (River Road). The bridge is closed, so it can be demolished and replaced. Traffic is being detoured between Route 701 and Route 57 onto Route 682 and Route 609. To improve traffic flow and reduce congestion, the traffic pattern on the detour route at the intersection of Route 609 (South Daniels Creek Road) and Route 682 has been changed. Traffic on Route 609 is no longer required to stop at its intersection with Route 682. Instead, new stop signs have been installed requiring Route 682 traffic to stop at this intersection. This week, flagging operations will be utilized on Route 57 adjacent to the old bridge on either side of the railroad tracks. Estimated completion is November 2010.

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*** ROUTE 220 BUSINESS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Work to replace the Route 220 Business bridge over the railroad tracks is underway. The bridge is located near the Route 87 intersection in Ridgeway. Route 220 Business is closed from Route 639 to Mica Road. Motorists should seek alternate routes around the closure. Drivers should also watch for flaggers on Route 682 at its intersection with Route 701.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

*** ROUTE 460 LIGHTING REPAIRS** – Crews will make lighting repairs on the eastbound and westbound Route 460 Bypass. Motorists should watch for alternating lane closures on weeknights during nighttime hours.

*** ROUTE 460 BYPASS GUARDRAIL REPAIRS** – A nighttime right lane closure may be in place on the eastbound Route 460 Bypass due to guardrail repairs. Work is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 24.

*** ROUTE 114 WIDENING** – Work continues to widen a section of Route 114 (Peppers Ferry Road) in Christiansburg. The section of Route 114 extends between Stafford Street and Chrisman Mill Road near New River Valley Mall. Work will include widening Route 114 from two lanes to five, with two through lanes in each direction and a center turn lane. Shoulder closures are in place. Flaggers may direct traffic during daylight hours. Drivers should watch for new traffic patterns in this work zone.

PATRICK COUNTY

*** ROUTE 8 CONNECTOR / RYE COVE STREET CLOSURE** – As part of the Route 8 connector construction, a section of Rye Cove Street will be reconfigured and will no longer be a through road. Rye Cove Street (T-1006) between Buena Vista Avenue and Rucker Street in Stuart is permanently closed to through traffic.

*** ROUTE 613 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Beginning Monday, Feb. 1, Route 613 (North Fork Road) will be closed at its intersection with Route 620 (Apple Tree Drive). Weather permitting, crews will be replacing the Route 613 bridge over the North Fork of the Smith River. Route 613 is expected to be closed to through traffic through Monday, Feb. 15. During this time, signs will be in place directing traffic to use Route 620.

PULASKI COUNTY

*** ROUTE 693 SOIL SAMPLING** – Weather permitting, starting Monday, Jan. 25, VDOT will be taking soil and pavement samples on a section of Route 693 (Lead Mine Road). Flaggers and pilot trucks will control traffic on the section of Route 693 between its intersections with Route 672 (Lowmans Ferry Road) and Route 669 (Cecils Chapel Road). Drivers can expect possible delays each day, Monday, Jan. 25 through Friday, Jan. 29, between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Additional lane closures may be scheduled for the week of Feb. 1 through 5 if needed.

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